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FOR KIRBY (EUR/SE) FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: VISIT OF TURKISH WOMEN TO US

1. ON NOVEMBER 13, I RECEIVED FROM MRS. TEKIN ARIBURUN, WIFE OF PRESIDENT, TURKISH SENATE (SECOND-RANKING PROTOCOL POSITION IN REPUBLIC) A NOTE FURTHER TO THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSED VISIT OF GROUP OF EMINENT TURKISH WOMEN TO THE US.

IN THIS NOTE, SHE ASKED FOR ADVICE AS TO WHEN THE GROUP, WHICH SHE PLANS TO LEAD, SHOULD MAKE THE TRIP.

2. IN RESPONSE, I SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 14. BEGIN TEXT: MANY THANKS FOR YOUR NOTE ABOUT THE TRIP. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY ONE BEST TIME TO GO; THAT IS, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC DATE OR VOTE THAT IS SET IN THE CONGRESS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF MILESTONE OF THAT SORT WHICH YOU CAN CONVENIENTLY BUILD THE TRIP AROUND.

THEREFORE, MY OWN VIEW IS THAT THE SOONER, THE BETTER--BUT HERE I THINK YOU SHOULD REALLY BE GUIDED BY MELIH ESENBEL'S JUDGMENT AS HE IS ACTUALLY ON THE SCENE AND IN THE THICK OF THINGS. CERTAINLY I THINK THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST STOP WHEN YOU GO, AND YOU SHOULD THEN TRY TO COVER SEVERAL OTHER CITIES. WHICH ONES SHOULD DEPEND ON WHERE THE EMBASSY

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(WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S HELP) HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET

THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (AND I CONTINUE TO THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GET ON RADIO AND TELEVISION).

SO MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO INDICATE TO MELIH THAT YOU CAN COME AS SOON AS HE THINKS YOU SHOULD, AND ASK THAT THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (AGAIN WORKING WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT) GET YOU A PROPOSED SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO DEAL WITH MELIH THROUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE HERE, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I CAN GET A MESSAGE THROUGH TO HIM VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR NOTE. I THINK IT IS WONDERFUL THAT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE PREPARED TO DO THIS. SEE YOU SOON, I HOPE. IN THE MEANTIME, PHYLLIS JOINS IN SENDING OUR WARMEST BEST WISHES TO THE PASA AND TO YOU. END TEXT.

3. THE SAME DAY I POUCHED COPIES OF THE ABOVE EXCHANGE TO YOU. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16), I RECEIVED A CALL FROM MRS. ARIBURUN INDICATING THAT SHE AND HER GROUP WISHED TO PROCEED TO THE US ON NOVEMBER 20. I ASKED IF SHE HAD HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR ESENBEL AND SHE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT NOVEMBER 20 MIGHT BE A BIT EARLY, SHE SAID THAT THE TRIP COULD BE DELAYED TO NOVEMBER 22. SHE THEN INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE SPEED-UP IS THAT SHE MUST BE BACK IN TURKEY BY DECEMBER 5.

SHE ALSO SAID THAT THE GROUP PLANNED FIRST TO GO TO WASHINGTON. WHERE SHE WOULD STAY WITH A FRIEND. SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, AS THE WOMEN ARE PAYING THEIR OWN EXPENSES FOR THE TRIP, THAT SIMILAR GUEST LODGINGS COULD BE FOUND FOR THE OTHERS AS WELL.

4. THE WAY THINGS STAND NOW IS THAT SHE AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS THAT ARE PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY HER WILL BE HAVING TEA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH PHYLLIS AND ME AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 18 AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THEREFORE, PER MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL AND GET HIS THOUGHTS RE MRS. ARIBURUN'S PROPOSED TIMING SO THAT I CAN BE GUIDED BY THESE WHEN I MEET WITH THE LADIES TOMORROW.  
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